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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, AF
SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFGHANISTAN: DEMARCHE ON INDIANS

REF: STATE 126022

1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR MADE REQUESTED DEMARCHE AT
MEA (JOINT SECRETARY FOR PAKISTAN/AFGHANISTAN/IRAN
I.P. SINGH) MORNING MAY 19. SINGH SAID MEA HAD
RECEIVED MUCH THE SAME INFORMATION AS PROVIDED IN
KABUL 3933 FROM INDIAN EMBASSY IN A MESSAGE RECEIVED
MAY 18. ACCORDING TO SINGH, THEIR EMBASSY WAS ALSO
REPORTING WIDESPREAD EXECUTIONS AND JAILINGS OF
WHOLE FAMILIES. LATTER, SINGH NOTED, WAS ON PRETENSE
THAT WIVES AND CHILDREN WOULD WANT TO BE WITH THE
ARRESTED MEN, BUT "NOBODY CAN BELIEVE THAT." ONLY
SPECIFIC POINT IN 3933 HE QUESTIONED WAS FATE OF
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FORMER PM ETEMADI. INDIAN INFORMATION IS THAT ETEMADI
IS STILL ALIVE.

2. SINGH SAID HE RECOGNIZED HUMANITARIAN CONCERN THAT
KABUL REPORTS HAD AROUSED AND URGENCY OF OUR DEMARCHE.
HE AGREED THAT THIS WAS NOT A MATTER OF POLITICAL
INTERFERENCE BUT CONCERNED THE SAVING OF HUMAN LIVES.

HE VOLUNTEERED TO TAKE MATTER UP WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
VAJPAYEE BEFORE MINISTER LEAVES TOMORROW (MAY 20) FOR
EUROPE. HE SAID HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH.

3. FOR KABUL: SINGH ASKED ABOUT TIMING OF AMBASSADOR
ELLIOT'S APPROACH TO GOA. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
PASSING THIS TO US.
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